

#93 Understanding the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil

Before we take the next step in understanding matters concerning the Daniel 2:41-43 Feet of Iron and Clay, it will help us to make sure we understand the ultimate meaning of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

What is *below* are the contents of a section titled *The Deception: Good vs. Evil*, taken from the report titled *The Seed of Abraham: President Lincoln, A Portrait of the Antichrist*. That report is accessible on this website as well.

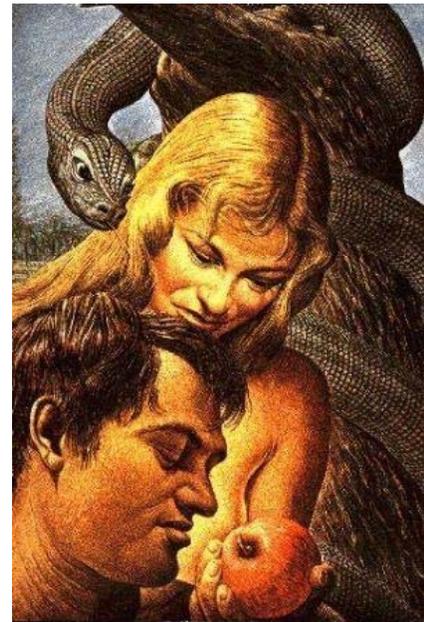
The Deception: Good vs. Evil

Please note the role of “God” and the role of “Satan” in the scenario painted by the Founding Fathers and Abraham Lincoln. It is “God” who has given man “unalienable rights” to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It is Satan who is attempting to take away man’s “divine right” to “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” Thus, in the battle between “God” and Satan, “God” is given the billing of constructing “good” earthly governments where men can have “political liberty,” “civil rights,” and “religious freedom,” while Satan is attempting to construct “evil” governments of “tyranny” whose wicked purpose is to take away man’s “God-given freedoms.”

What is the truth in all of this? Scripture tells us that it is Satan who is the mind behind the system of **both** the “**good**” governments of political liberty and the “**evil**” governments of political tyranny.

This end times deception is completely related back to the two trees in the Garden of Eden in Genesis 2. The Lord made “*the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil*” (Gen. 2:9). God commanded Adam, “*But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die*” (Gen. 2:17). Adam was given the free will to choose **life (the tree of life)** or to choose **death (the tree of knowledge of good and evil)**.

How do these two trees relate to Satan’s end times deceptions?



It was explained earlier that *every* system of government, whether it be Communism or Democracy or a Republic, is a system of Satan’s for he is “*the god of this world*” (2 Cor. 4:4). This is why Satan could offer Jesus Christ “*all the kingdoms of this world*” (Luke 4:5). **So the deception is this: Satan continues to offer the tree of knowledge of good and evil to men through the fallen kingdoms of this world.** Some of Satan’s worldly governments look “evil” to the natural man while other systems of Satan’s worldly governments look “good” to natural men who “... *receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God*” (1 Cor. 2:14). Satan, using the power

“that is delivered unto” him (Luke 4:6), offers men both the “good” and “evil” kingdoms of **this** world (Matt. 4:8). In truth, both the “good” and “evil” kingdoms are dominated by Satan and alienated from God for “*the whole world lieth in wickedness*” (1 John 5:19). A Christian should not be deceived by a worldly government calling itself “One Nation Under God,” for according to scripture, the god of that worldly nation *must* be Satan.

The natural man, having “*the spirit of the world*” (1 Cor. 2:12), views the choice as between “good” and “evil” within the kingdoms of **this** world, not as a choice between the **heavenly** tree of life vs. the **earthly** tree of knowledge of good and evil. For example, most natural men look at Communism as “evil” and Democracy as “good,” and accept the fact that *if* there is a true God, it is He, not the “*god of this world*” (2 Cor. 4:4), who is offering “good” Democracy as the alternative to “evil” Communism or dictatorships. Satan, coming as “*an angel of light*” (2 Cor 11:14), offered the kingdoms “*and the glory of them*” (Matt. 4:8) to Jesus, and now he is offering the **glory** of Democracy to mankind and thus the **self-rule** over the earth by “we the people.”

Most Christians have not heeded “*set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth*” (Col. 3:2), and so, like the natural man, are ripe for the good-evil deception. They believe that the Lord founded America as his “good” **earthly** “Christian” kingdom as the alternative to Satan’s “evil” governmental systems of political “tyranny.” Thus, many professing followers of Jesus have resisted the “evil” empire of Communism with the “good” of American democracy. In truth, both the “evil” of Communism and the “good” of Democracy are of Satan.



Map of Europe in 1945 after World War II, illustrating the coming East-West Cold War division of the world between Communism and Democracy

When Paul says to “*overcome evil with good*” (Romans 12:21), he is clearly not speaking of **resisting** evil through the worldly “good” of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. He has told us earlier in this passage that “*overcoming evil with good*” is accomplished by recompensing “*to no man evil for evil*” (Romans 12:17). This is the “good” that comes from the tree of life.

The “tree of life” is offered through Jesus Christ and a **heavenly** kingdom “*not of this world*” (John 18:36). The “forbidden fruit” is offered to men by Satan through the **earthly** “good” and “evil” kingdoms of this world. **The deceived Christian views America and its “gospel” of political freedom as part of the tree of life. He cannot see that America is Satan’s wicked kingdom posing as the “good” side of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.**

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